

PRESS RELEASE

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Crop Production Forecast

Oregon

Winter wheat production in Oregon is forecast at 44.5 million bushels, down from 47.9 million bushels last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to be 840,000 million acres, down 100,000 acres from last year. Average yield is forecast at 53 bushels per harvested acre, up 2 bushels when compared to last year.

Pacific Northwest

Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Idaho, and Washington) **winter wheat** production is expected to total 206.7 million bushels, down from 222.5 million bushels in 2003. Acreage to be harvested for grain is estimated at 3.2 million acres, down 7 percent when compared to last year.

United States

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.55 billion bushels, down 9 percent from 2003. The U.S. yield is forecast at 44.2 bushels per acre, 2.5 bushels less than last year. Area to be harvested for grain is expected to total 35.1 million acres, down 4 percent from last season.

The preceding crop production forecasts are based on yield projections and acreage reports collected from a cross-section of producers on and around May 1. This report is based on conditions on May 1 and assumes no extreme conditions the remainder of the crop season.

Winter Wheat: Acres Harvested, Yield and Production, Selected States and U.S., Forecasted, May 1, 2004

State	Area Harvested			Yield		Production		
	2003	Forecast 2004	<u>2004</u> 2003	2003	Forecast 2004	2003	Forecast 2004	<u>2004</u> 2003
	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 bushels</i>	<i>1,000 bushels</i>	<i>%</i>
Oregon	940	840	89	51.0	53.0	47,940	44,520	93
Idaho	720	680	94	80.0	81.0	57,600	55,080	96
Washington	1,800	1,700	94	65.0	63.0	117,000	107,100	92
Pacific Northwest ^{1/}	3,460	3,220	93	64.3	64.2	222,540	206,700	93
U.S. Total	36,541	35,082	96	46.7	44.2	1,707,069	1,550,395	91

^{1/} Includes Oregon, Idaho and Washington.